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MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Work of the Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the UN/ECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Note by the Secretariat

In its work on the restructuring of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) and the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), the "RID/ADR" Joint Meeting follows closely the structure of the UN Model Regulations. However, in certain instances, the Joint Meeting decided to deviate from the UN Recommendations, and it was agreed that certain deviations could be brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee.

Lay-out of the dangerous goods list in Chapter 3.2

The Joint Meeting decided that all columns concerning classification should be grouped together under a global heading "Classification".

Furthermore the Joint Meeting considered that it would be more user-friendly to replace the column indicating the subsidiary risks with a column indicating the code of the danger labels to be affixed, as the danger labels reflect the primary and the subsidiary risks.

The Joint Meeting also decided to include references to the relevant part, chapter or section under the title of each column.

Proposal:

In order to ensure the best possible consistency between the various regulations based on the UN Recommendations, the Secretariat proposes the following amendments to the Model Regulations:

1. Renumber column "(5)" (UN packing group) as column "(4)".

2. Add a general heading "Classification (see Part 2)" above column (1) (UN No), (2) (Name and description), (3) (Class or Division), (4) (UN packing group).

3. Renumber and rename column "(4) (subsidiary risk)" as column "(5) label(s) (see 5.2.2.)".

4. In column (6), add "(see 3.3)";
   In column (7), add "(see 3.4)";
   In column (8), add "(see 4.1)";
   In column (9), add "[(see 4.1)]";
   In column (10), add "(see 4.2)";
   In column (11), add "(see 4.2.4.3)".

5. Consequential amendments

   2.0.1.5 Delete the second sentence. Add a new paragraph 2.0.1.7 as follows:

   "2.0.1.7 When an article or substance is specifically listed by name in the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2, its class or division and, when applicable, its packing group are indicated in columns 3 and 4 of that list. The subsidiary risk(s), if any, may be deducted from column (5) where labels are required for the primary and subsidiary risks."

   3.2.1 Column (5) should be renumbered column (4).

The text for existing column (4) should be amended to read :

"Column (5) Labels" - This column contains the codes of the primary risk and subsidiary risk(s) labels to be affixed on a package in accordance with 5.2.2"

5.2.2.1.2 The first sentence should be amended to read:

"Each package containing dangerous goods shall bear the label(s) required in column (5) of the Dangerous Goods List of Chapter 3.2, unless otherwise indicated by a special provision."

In addition : Delete 5.2.2.1.3, 5.2.2.1.3.1, 5.2.2.1.4, 5.2.2.1.5, 5.2.2.1.9 (These paragraphs reflect principles which could be consolidated in explanatory material but which are either unnecessary in the Model Regulations or redundant with special provision).

Replace 5.2.2.1.10 with a new special provision applicable to UN 2814, UN 2900, and UN 3291.

5.3.1.1.2 The second sentence should be amended to read:

"Placards shall correspond to the labels required in column (5) of the Dangerous Goods List of Chapter 3.2, unless otherwise indicated by a special provision, for the goods contained in the transport unit except that: ..." (Remainder unchanged)

5.3.1.1.3 Delete the first sentence and the word "However" at the beginning of the remaining sentence.